

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a wheeled vehicle that includes a frame, a front wheel, and a manual steering means rotatably connected to said frame for varying the rotational plane of said front wheel, the improvement comprising: an article storage basket located above said front wheel; and rigid support means permanently securing said basket to said manual steering means; said rigid support means comprising two laterally spaced arms extending between said steering means and said basket, **the rigid support means and the article support basket being configured to cantilever the article support basket from the steering means via the two laterally spaced arms**; each said arm having a first permanent connection to the steering means and a second permanent connection to the basket, wherein each said connection is a welded connection.

2. (Original) The improvement of claim 1, wherein each said arm is tubular.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The improvement of claim 1, wherein the manual steering means comprises a set of handlebars joined to a transverse central bar; said laterally spaced arms extending between said transverse bar and said basket.

5. (Original) The improvement of claim 4, wherein each said arm is tubular.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The improvement of claim 4, wherein said basket has a front wall, rear wall, two side walls, and a bottom wall; each said arm having a length such that the basket rear wall is spaced an appreciable distance forwardly from said transverse central bar.

8. (Original) The improvement of claim 7, wherein the basket rear wall is located directly above the front wheel rotational axis.

9. (Currently Amended) The improvement of claim 1, wherein said basket comprises an endless tubular rim that forms an upwardly-open mouth for the basket; said laterally spaced arms being joined to said tubular rim via said second permanent connections **permanent connections**.

10. (New) The improvement of claim 1, wherein the article storage basket is connected to the bicycle independent of a connection between the article storage basket and the frame.

11. (New) The improvement of claim 4, wherein the bottom wall is formed of a continuous planar member.

12. (New) An article storage basket for use on a bicycle having a frame, a front wheel coupled to the frame and a handlebar coupled to the frame, the article storage basket comprising:

an endless tubular rim;

a sidewall coupled to the tubular rim;

a bottom wall coupled to the sidewall; and

a pair of arms welded to the tubular rim and weldable to the handlebar;

the pair of arms and the tubular rim collectively being configured to support the sidewall and bottom wall in spaced relation to the frame.

13. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 12, wherein the pair of arms and tubular rim are collectively configured to support the sidewall and bottom wall above the front wheel.

14. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 12, wherein the article support basket is connected to the bicycle independent of a connection between the article storage basket and the frame.

15. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 12, wherein the bottom wall is formed of a continuous planar member.

16. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 15, wherein a portion of the sidewall is formed of a continuous planar member.

17. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 12, wherein each of the pair of arms is tubular.

18. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 12, wherein the sidewall is welded to the tubular rim.

19. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 12, wherein the basket is formed independent of a connection extending directly between the bicycle frame and one of the tubular rim, the bottom wall and the sidewall.

20. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 12, wherein the tubular rim is cantilevered from the frame.

21. (New) An article storage basket for use on a bicycle having a frame, a front wheel coupled to the frame, a front stem coupled to the frame and a handlebar coupled to the front stem, the article storage basket comprising:

an endless tubular rim;

a sidewall coupled to the tubular rim;

a bottom wall coupled to the sidewall;

a pair of arms welded to the tubular rim and weldable to the stem; and

a clamp coupled to the pair of arms and engageable with the handlebar.

22. (New) The article storage basket recited in claim 21, wherein the bottom wall is formed of a continuous planar member.